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A Solution to California's E-waste Problem must address the following objectives:

- #1** Reduce and ideally eliminate concentrations of hazardous materials in electronic products.
- #2** Educate the public on the proper management of obsolete electronic products that contain hazardous materials.
- #3** Create incentives to increase the lifespan and reusability of electronic products and components.
- #4** Create incentives to design electronic products for increased component reuse and recycling.
- #5** Develop sustainable markets for reused and recycled electronic product components.
- #6** Generate sufficient funds to offset the cost of proper management of electronic scrap for recycling and/or disposal.
- #7** Affirm the ban on the disposal of all hazardous electronic scrap in landfill facilities.
- #8** Establish aggressive recovery and recycling goals for hazardous electronic scrap:
 - a.)** 95% recovery of hazardous electronics by 2006; and
 - b.)** 50% recycling by 2006 and 75% recycling by 2010.
- #9** Require labeling of all hazardous electronics to include:
 - a.)** Warning Statement
 - b.)** Listing of hazardous materials
 - c.)** Info on how/where to recycle (800 number or website)
- #10** Require all manufacturers of hazardous electronics to either:
 - a.)** Establish a free and convenient consumer take-back system approved by the Waste Board and capable of achieving the recovery/recycling goals, or
 - b.)** Pay an Advanced Recovery Fee to offset local/state recovery/recycling costs, while providing a market signal to reduce hazardous materials and design for recycling.

A comprehensive e-waste measure should target all electronic devices containing any amount of hazardous material.

Simply increasing back-end fees on ratepayers—as some have suggested—is not a solution. The Sierra Club would likely oppose such a proposal.